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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Compositions and Methods for Molecular Biology**  
Inventors: Byrd, *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.5230001/RWE/B-C

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
2. One (1) return postcard.

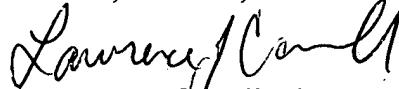
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 20, 2003**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1, 3-6, 13-16, 34, 35, and 54. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made **without** traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of

time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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